

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: AAV MOBILITY

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

AAV's are not as mobile on Somalian secondary roads as are wheeled vehicles.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

24th MEU conducted several long range tactical road marches in the Kismayo area, the longest of which was 300 miles. On each of the marches the slowest element was AAV's. This was not only due to actual speed, but also the requirement for maintenance/hull checks.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

When planning road marches in Somalia, base time - distance calculations on AAV rates of march.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Carefully consider the mission to be accomplished when building task organizations in Somalia. AAV's provide good armor protection, but slow the force down considerably.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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